



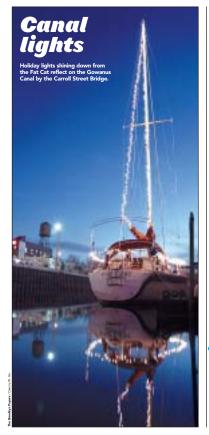
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New document reveals Yards' mega-billboards

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The Atlantic Yards project is a threat o one of America's national treasures – Brooklyn's brownstone blocks – wo preservation groups charged this top-level, citing new state renderings that how 15-story illuminated advertising gibboreds on either cide of the dawal.

week, citing new state renderings that show 15-story illuminated advertising billboards on either side of the development's main building.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the group Scenic America both said that the 16-tower arena, residential whelm the browstone blocks in neighboring Prospect Heights, Fort Greene and Boreum Hill.

And Scenic America raised a new issue: Two 150-foot-tail illuminated billboards on either side of the 'Urban Room' attum at the intersection of Flutbush and Adlamic the intersection of Flutbush and Adlamic Hong State of the 'Urban Room' attum at the intersection of Flutbush and Adlamic Hong State of the 'Urban Room' attum at the intersection of Flutbush and Adlamic Hong State of the Urban Room' attum at the intersection of Flutbush and Klevin Fry, the group's president.

The billboards only came to light last week, as part of the state's hurriedly pre-



WELL BLOW ME DOWN! The scoop on Bruce's stoop

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Pared final environmental impact statement for the \$4.2-billion project (see rendering left).

Such billiboards are illegal under New York (City zoning — but that law is one of many local codes being superceded by the state in its approval of Atlantic Yards.

Times Square should not be conference this week on low-rise Fort Greene Place, just two blocks from where the CO-foot "Miss Brooklyn" tower would rise.

Atlantic Yards developer Bruce Ratner has said that light from the signs would only be turned up to maximum settings on game nights — but Fry retorted that the Atlantic Yards approval process gave him little reason to believe Ratner could be reigned.

See BIG SIGNS on page 14

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Ratner to pony-up rent

Bruce Ratner is paying the rent. Answering criticism from fair-housing dvocates, the Atlantic Yards developer advocates, the Atlantic Yards developer asys his company is guaranteeing to pay the difference between the current rent of soon-to-be-victed tenants within the footprint of his development and the rent for "a comparable unit," until the tenants are relocated into a Yards building. Initially, Ratner only promised to pay the rent for three years — but many wor-ried that tenants would get burned if con-struction of Atlantic Yards drugged on beyond that time frame.

Of course, if Ratner never builds At-lantic Yards, all bets are off, according to the new deal, which is contained in the state's final environmental impact state-ment certified last week.
The estimated 55 renters, of course, must still pay their base rent, lest they be considered in breach of contract and ruled no longer eligible for Ratner's pay-ments.
One housing advocate cautiously com-mended the developer this week.
The sounds like an improvement if the rants can have confidence that they can have their rent paid until they are moved into a new unit, "said Brnd Lander, exce-utive director of the Pratt Center for

Donating to state pols pays off

By Paul Koepp

for The Boods/pr Papers

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got a \$2.000 grant from the assem-blywoman.

* Sandy Balboza of the Atlantic Avenue Betterment Association, do-nated \$400 to Millman over six years. This year her group received \$2.000 to produce shopping guides. Balboza aside her relatively small donations to Millman had nothing to do with the grants her group ges from Millman. per running for office who address our issues," she said. "And thart's personal. What we do with that money is make the community bet-ter. That's coronnic development." Balboza added that grant money See MilLMAN on page 14

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A Chrismukkah scandal! Seem like a completely gratuitous column about my new book, but it is actually a story about how intolerant a neighborhood famously liberal Park Slope and hair featuring Hasidissory about how intolerant an eighborhood famously liberal Park Slope can be. As tout le monde knows, because the condense in the perfectly captures the sheet of Chrismukkah. The Official Guide to the World's Most Beloved Holiday." Features as offensive, berrilying size, bellowing from the back cover of the best adomed with a gold Jewish star. The routle started last Mandoma are doing for Sci-what Time Clause wearing a best adomed with a gold Jewish star. The routle started last Mandoma are doing for Sci-what Time Clause wearing a best adomed with a gold Jewish star. The routle started last Mandoma are doing for Sci-what Time Clause wearing a best adomed with a gold Jewish star.





The Brooklyn Papers Editor Gersh Kuntzman (right) sings a Chrismukkah carol with All Salkin, author of "Festivus: The Holiday for the Rest of Us" in this rare cooperation be tween the major fictional religions.

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Art bloomed and sold in DUMBO

By Ariella Cohen

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means saying goodbye to a
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Over the next few weeks, construction workers at the site began leaving crumbled dollar bills — \$47 over two weeks — in a makeshift tip jar left temporarily at the entrance to the site.

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ging the sidewalks.

"We always knew it was temporary, but it's said to see temporary, but it's said to see the manager of the development."
The workers are banging into it every day. We didn't want to worry about it."
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The painted panels will cost between \$100 and \$1,000.
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\$11M to tear-down buildings on Fulton

A real-estate developer has forked over nearly \$11 million for a row of run-down, one-story storetons near the Fulton Mall—and he's planning something big (although how big remains to be seen).

Some properties of the seen of the seen

development boom.

A former New York Telephone Company building at Bridge and Willoughby streets is being converted into 219 luxury apartments.

"This area is really going to become competitive with Atlantic Yards," said Mosse. "A lot of developers are building there. it's changing tremendously."

— Dana Rubinstein

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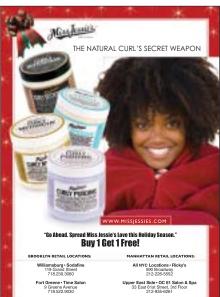
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Coffee bar rob a wake-up call

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A bromeless mun stole to laptop and puse of a Queens woman

an when she went to buy coffee

at a brew franchise on Court

Street on Nov. 28, police said.

The 20-year-old victime

to buy coffee at the gournet

shop, at foralemon Street. When

she returned to the table, the

bug with her computer and her

purse— containing her Green

Card, Social Security card, driv
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Crime lessons

Thieves hit high schools on Dean Street and on Navy Street — plus Long Island University — this week, ripping off computers and electronic equipment, police said.

Someone stole seven portable computers valued at over

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Someone stole seven portable computers valued at over
\$3,000 from an LIU building
on Hanover Place, near Pulton
Street, over the past few
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The LIU machines, a halfdozen Gateways and one Dell
model, disappeared from a storage closet sometime between
Sept. I and Nov. 27, school officials said. The closet, in a
building at Pulton Street, was
the control of the street of the street
The loss at the Brooklyn
High School for the Arts, on
Dean Street, was far greater:
\$78,000 in electronics that disappeared between June 28 and
Aug. 26, cops said. A 36-year
were stored in a locked closet at
the end of the school year. But
when she returned, at the end of August, the computer equipment was gone.

The stolen items included.

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men was goden items included nearly four dozen Apple lap-tops, all G4s and G3s, hardware for the G4, three Dell laptops and other electronics. The school, which suffered a rash of break-riss in 2005, investigated the loss on its own before remaining the control of the control

Sticky gold-finger

Two thugs robbed a teenager of his gold necklace and bracelet on Schermerhorn Street on Nov. 29, police said.

The thieves rushed the 15-

Cubicle raid

Cubicle raid
A thief swiped the purse of a
woman engrossed in computer
work at a copy shop on Court
Street on Nov. 27, police said.
The 50-yeared victim placed
the bag under the cubicle in the
store, which is near Joralemon
Street, around 3:30 pm. When
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City transportation officials are pulling a fast U-turn on a promise to try out a residential permit parking program Downtown, local leaders say.

"Permits are essential and the Department of Transportation is ignoring that," said Evan Thies, a spokessman for Councilman David Yassky (D-Brooklyn Heights).

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DOT officials have been studying permits in Brooklyn Heights and Fort Greene since the area was upzoned in 2004 to encourage development.
But in May, an engineering study determined that the permit of the permit and the permit of study determined that the per-mit system was unsuitable, much to the chagrin of Down-

"There are too many cars and not enough spots, with or without permits," said Michael Burke of the Downtown Brook-lyn Partnership, which co-spon-

sored the study.

On a typical day, 1,759 cars troll Fort Greene for 1,089 spots, while Boerum Hill has 1,996 cars for 1,769 spots, the parking permit study showed.

A DOT spokeswoman said the agency would continue to meet with local community groups.

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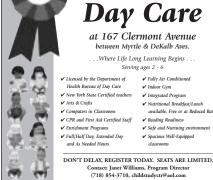
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He came in through the rooftop window

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If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

That motto proved useful for a burglar who scored a Sony PlayStation game and \$2 in coins from a 14th Street home last week notice said

coins from a 14th Street home last week, police said.

The thief tried to force his way through the back door of the apartment building, near Fifth Avenue, sometime be-tween 3 pm on Nov. 29 and noon the next day. When the door didn't budge, the burglar

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the blacktop until he tounu an unlocked window, then slipped into the building and grabbed the monds, cops said.

Thief escapes A witness nearly busted a bur-glar who stole \$365 in gaming goods from a Second Street apartment on Dec. 1, police said. A 39-year-old Fort Greene

man was passing by shortly af-ter the burglar forced his way through the front door of the building, near Fifth Avenue, around 10 am. The witness saw the robber try to escape in a livery cab, but he followed the thief and man-aged to scare him off.

sconded with a PSP system and a computer memory stick, cops said.

The witness was able to secure a detailed description of the burglar, who cops said is a 3-foot-8 and 200 pound, 57-year-old black man with a beard, who was dressed that day in a green baseball hat, brown cow-by boots, blue jeans and a military-style jack-to-

for thieves" to the list.

A teenager lost his cellphone to a thug who snatched it from his hand on Nov. 28 at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Dean Street, police said.

The 18-year-old victim was engrossed in a game on the digital gadget when the thier trushed him from behind and took the phone, around 2:30 pm.

Dough be gone

Dough be gone
A 62-year-old Park Slope
woman lost \$500 from her bag
while she was on Fifth Avenue
on Dec. 3, police said.
The victim had the cash at
2:50 pm as she walked near
14th Street, she told police,
adding that she always keeps
her purse zippered tight.
But five minutes later, she
didn't have the money. The
victim did not notice anyone near
her on the street.

Schools struck

Thieves targeted two school employees — one in public school, one at a Christian acade-

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'G' makes way to Slope

By Dana Rubinstein
The Brookyh Fapers
Riders of the G train are getting an
unexpected bonus — their much-maligned line will soon add five more stations in train-hungy Park Stope, Windsor Fernec and Kensington.
Rather than long-anticipated service
Router than long-anticipated service
Brookly and Queens will travel along
the Fline beyond its current Smith Ninth
Street terminus to Church Avenue in
Kensington beginning in 2008.
The news thielled G-train riders,
who are accustomed to just the opposite treatment from the Metropolitan
Transportation Authority, said Teresa
Toron, a member of the Save the G

"Last year they considered permaneulty ending the northern terminus at
Court Square," she said. "We protested, and the plan was scuttled."

And then there's the sheer ignominy
of having to sprint down the platform
for the dwarfish, run-down train. In
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Paper people make 'Slope 100'

By Christie Rizk
for The Brooklyn Papers
Park Stope finally has its official A-list—and it includes
two Brooklyn Papers editors.
The neighborhood's top
blogger Louise Crawford ustaered in a new ear of celebritywatching in the famously unfammous neighborhood by posting
her "Park Stope 100." a list of
the community activists, spiritual leaders, writers, artists and
make Plank Stope Plank Stope.
Crawford, producer of the
Web site "Only the Blog
Knows Brooklyn," and author
of The Brooklyn Papers' Smartmom column, described her list
as "highly optionated" and

"inherently flawed" (she mis-spelled the names of at least two of her honorees, Atlantic Yards blogger Norman Oder and City Councilwoman Letitia



Buscemi and Rosie Perez and only slightly less well-known figures like Eric, the swimming instructor at Eastern Athletic gym (he really is amazing).

Not every PS-lister is an A-lister, either.
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and City Councilwoman Letitia
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But it's also credible. Her top
100 includes actors Steve

lister, either.

Congresswoman-elect Yvette
Clarke is on the list — but so
are two of the men she



trounced: Councilman David Yassky and Chris Owens. For Owens being named a winner was small consolation. "I'm honored," he said, quip-ping, "I think I should start reading her blog." Crawford said she was in-spired by the Atlantic Month.

spired by the Atlantic Month-ly's "100 Most Influential Americans" issue.

man was appalled at the existence, is the fastest form of flattery, as the quickly asked her readers to send no nominations.

"It was a conversation statter freeder," have been done that the list is flawed. "Some of it with the list is flawed. "Some of the list with the list is flawed. "In the neighborhood was anix of typical Park Slope near with the list is flawed." "In mecking the with the list is flawed. "In the neighborhood was anix of typical Park Slope near with the list is flawed." "An once important," with the list is flawed. "An once important," with the with a list flawed in the list of the list





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Slope painter sells a wall in **DUMBO**

By Ariella Cohen

In DUMBO, progress on Brooklyn's tallest-yet condo means saying goodbye to a whimsical, hand-painted gar-den that grew along with its 33 floors.

Artist Pasqualina Azzarello has reclaimed her 400-foot-long floral mural from the site of the

has reclaimed her 400-foot-long floral mural from the site of the sky-high J Condominium at Front and Jay streets, leaving only a drab chain-link fence spills and sidewoods drilling. "A chapter in my relationship with DUMBO, and in the life of the neighborhood, has closed," said the arist, who lived in the neighborhood for neighborhood for the neighborhood for nei

them on the site, against the fence, then barre.

"I knew that building was going to greatly change the physical and cultural landscape artis." I vanted to take part in the conversation without being adversarial."

Over the next few weeks, construction workers at the site construction workers at the site of the part of the part

site.

The developer asked her if she would be willing to paint the entire perimeter of the development, creating a tulip-



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lined path leading to the York Street F-station

lined path leading to the Vork Street F-station.
"It was a very interesting moment in the history of the neighborhood." Azzarello said."
"a developer and natrist need-ing for hunds.

The flower fence came down in time for builders to start dig-ging the sidewalks.

"We always knew it was temporary, but it's and to see it gone," said Alex Hurwitz, the manager of the development.
"The workers are banging into it every day. We didn't want to the very day. We didn't want to For the construction workers who toiled alongside Azzarello as she painted, both the art and the arist will be missed.
"Having art around added some cheer," said lim Spence, a superintendent at the site. "Peo-ple started talking to us, asking le started talking to us, asking the talking the started talking to us, asking the talking the talkin

questions about what we were doing."

The final goodbye to the garden, however, hasn't happened just yet. Until Jan. 31, the 100 wooden panels will be for sale at the gallery above Retreat, a cate on Front Storest.

The painted panels will cost between \$100 and \$1,000.

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"It could work as gift," said Frank Nucatola, the senior manager at the stie, "I'll give it to my mother-in-law."



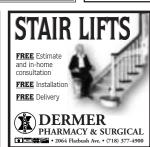
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When the woman agreed to help, the scammer, and her ac-complice, accompanied their mark to a bank, where she with mark to a bank, where she with the state of the scan that the scan th

Snip 'n swipe

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Stories direction
Someone swiped the Global
Positioning System and other
electronics from a sedan that
had been parked on 67th Street
on Nov 25, policies said,
arked.
The 25-year-old convert path Averase around 11 pm. When she
returned the next morning, she
found no damage to the outside
of the four-door vehicle. But

lost his identity.

The 33-year-old Senator Control of the Control

A Bay Ridge man became the victim of identity theft — but he doesn't know how. The 37-year-old man, who

lives on 92nd Street, near Sixth Avenue, said a collection agency claimed he owed more agency claimed he owed more under the said for a phone that wasn't his, police said. The vicinit figures his information was stolen sometime between 0.t. 30 and Nov. 3. The third opened a T-Mobile account in the vicini's name count in the vicini's name, and the statements sent to an apartment on Avenue V, near West 11th Street.

Bad Samaritan

Bad Samaritan
Sometimes, a helping hand
just isn't worth it.

A Not-So-Good Samaritan
who helped an elderly lady pick
up her spilled fruit may also
have robbed the 92-year-old of
S800, police sait either brank
on 18th Avenue, near 64th
Street, around noon on Dec. 1.
After she withdrew the cash,
her shopping bag spilt and the
fruit rolled free. Someone who
was behind her in line stepped
up to help capture the escaped
up to help capture the rittie was corralled, the victim noticed the
cash was gone.

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Mama Mia! New center for Hurst

Bensonhurst may soon look like a community of Michelange-lo-sculpted Davids, thanks to the Federation of Italian American

Federation of Italian American Organizations, which amounced this week that it will begin building an athletic and cultural facility in the neighborhood this spring. The three-story, Se-million cultural center will bring a gymnasium, an indoor track, and a swimming pool to the recreation-deprived community, according to Clip Concelland, both gike state Sen. Marty Golden (D-Bay Ridge), allocated

\$2 million for the site.
"There's a lack of gym space [in Bensonhurst]," said Recchia. "And there's a big need for pools in South Brooklyn. This pool will be open seven days a week, and be open to everyone in the community."



A rendering of the proposed II Centro.

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Loose Dentures?

Continued from page 2 before dawn on Dec. 3. The 24-year-old victim was talking on a payphone, near 24th Avenue, just before 5 am when the thieves came up and asked for \$10. When he re-fused, they pulled him away from the phone, forced him into

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Trio arrested

Three thieves used a bread truck as a Trojan horse during a midnight heist.— but the silver truck failed them and the trio now faces robbery charges.

The 24-year-old victim said he was attacked just after midnight on Nov. 29 by three thieves who leapt from the silver truck at the comer of 64th Street and 16th Avenue. The thugs rushed the victim, grabbed Slasher nabbed

. The thug allegedly got in bate with a 30-year-old i The thug anegoon, go datebut with a 30-year-old man shortly after 11 am, on 16th Avenue, near 66th Street. It's not clear what prompted the argument, but it grew violent when the suspect pulled a boxcutter and slashed the victim on the and slashed u... .
right hand.
The victim suffered only a minor cut. The suspect now

his cellphone and \$20, and tried

But police quickly arrested the thieves — men ages 16, 20 and 21.

Purse snatched

The interaction started as friendly,
"How you doing, miss?" the man asked the 47-year-old woman, as she walked along West 11th Street, near Kings Highway, around 7 pm on Nov. 30, police said, but he stranger stateched the bag the stranger stateched who have stranger stateched the bag the stranger stateched the stateched the

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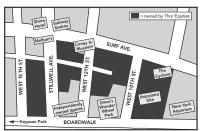
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Coney Island property owned by Joe Sitt's Thor Equites is shaded black

'For sale' sign on Astrotower

By Ariella Cohen
The Brooklyn Papers
For sale: One, 1960s-era, 275foot-tall sightseeing tower, more
than slightly such selling Astroland
Park to developer foe Sitt, the family
that runs the popular summer amusement area has offered the city a discount price on the Astrotower, a rotacount price on the Astrotower, a rotating, glass-enclosed elevator that lifts
passengers to its 27-story-high top
and pauses, giving sweeping views of
the occain.

41-year-old ride in Concy so badly that it is willing to share relocation costs with the city.

The Alberts say an interested buyer has approached them about moving the Astrotower to a Southern time park — but the family said it would prefer to make a deal with the city.

Historians said that the relic of the big bucks to the maker of a retrotherned amusement park.

"It looks so straight out of 1963," said Michael Immerso, author of "Coney Island, The People's Playground."



The boardwalk in Coney Island on a dreary day, with the Astrotower rising in the background, on the left.

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Mets trade legendary **Cyclone Brian Bannister**

over again?

The Mets have traded pitching prospect Brian Bannister — a favorite of Brooklyn Cyclones fans during his season at Keyspan Park — to the Kansas City royals for reliever Ambioris Burgos. It's the latest in a series of deals that have sent Cyclones prospects to many major league parks, yet only four to big Shea — and not for very long.

fireturows Sec. Damy Garcia — but Bannister was un Son, .

Mets uniform.

As a Cyclone in 2003, the then-22-year-old went 4-1 with one save and had a 2.15 ERA. In 46 innings, he allowed just 27 hits,

save and had a 2.15 ERA. In 46 immings, he allowed just 27 hits; while striking out oxodelyn staters, but year. His ERA led all ally oxodelyn staters, but year. He state had all all oxodelyn staters, but year, and even won the Sterling Award in 2005 as the frankine's best pitching prospect. He made his Major League debut in April, 2006, and carried a no-litter into the sixth. But he only made eight starts for the team, spending much of the rest of the season on the bench with an injured hamstring.



Former Met Brian Bannister pitches for the Brooklyn Cyclones in 2003. The Mets traded the starter this week.

Many Met fans were hopeful that Bannister would earn a spot in the team's aging rotation, but it was not meant to be, thanks to this week's trade.

In exchange for Bannister, the Mets get the 22-year-old Burgos, who was 4-5 last year with 18 saves and 4 5.5 EBA.

Meanwhile, even as the weather turned cold this week, fans were also to deem of Cyclones' opening day, thanks to the release of the team's 2007 schedule.

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Iraqi dates being sold on Atlantic



The Brooklyn Papers

A hundred pounds of Iraqi dates that took more than two mouths to get to America .

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Ridge strip club is just a tease



Owner Joeseph Domovsky inside Club Shado

Where are the girls?

A new bar that many believed would be a strip club thanks to its in heralding "exotic dancers" finally opened on Fourth Avenue

A new har that many believed would be a strip club thanks to its ings heralding "coxici diances" finally opened on Fourth Avenue last week — with no sign of anything exotic.

Nonetheless, the new "Llub Shadows" received two citations — for having like in a laquor bedde and for a failure to change the name on the Genille had led the intitul change against the club, and encouraged state liquor enforcement officers and New York's Finest to attend the grand opening. Fentle said. The wild was a formation of the grand opening in Starburdsy.

"Two violations is something you wouldn't expect from a club on its grand opening." Centile said. The wild be watering club Shadows closely."

But manager Joseph Domonsky was glouting even more.

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Tomotoky danism the entire faller — which started when he put the "exotic dancers" sign outside the bar several weeks ago — was man innocent misunderstanding" and reaffirmed his intent to have "a club Bay Ridge can be proad or!"

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OUR OPINION

State pol slush fund

OW WE KNOW WHY state legisla-tors fought so intensely to keep their "member items" list so secret. Last week, state legislators finally fol-

Last week, state legislators finally followed through on a state judge's order to release details of the \$170 million in tax-payer money that they funnel to local organizations in their districts.

These so-called "member items" are doled out with very little scrutiny or oversight — a case of the foxes guarding the public chicken coop if we ever heard one.

As The Brooklyn Papers reports on the form tase. "member items" are trans-

pay-for-play system in which legislators al-locate grant money to organizations whose leaders are loyal contributors to the pols'

front page, "member items" are trans-formed into what might be interpreted as a giving to politicians' campaigns. That's how elections are financed in this country.

And the community groups that have been on the receiving end almost always deserve the small grants they've gotten. In most cases, they deserve more public

But grants should be awarded based on merit, not on which worthy organization has the ear of the local lawmaker because its executive director is a campaign contributor.

Would equally worthy non-contributors get the public money or the lawmaker's ear?

Gov-elect Elito Spitzer ran under the campaign slogan, "On day one, everything chanes."

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To the editor.

Your story, "Ridge strip club cover up?" (Dec. 2), which centered on whether the new Club Shadows dancers would be topless, was crazy? But what was worse is the notion that the police—at taxpayer expense —would be topless, was crazy? But what was worse is the notion that the police—at taxpayer expense —would be considered to the construction of the construction of the construction of the construction of the same police and judges spent more time prosecuting those who commit real crimes against individuals or property. Citizens have more to fear from urder, arson, rape, muggings, robberies, auto theft or home break-interaction of the construction of their own home or private club isn't the concern of government, Individual contonic and civil fluction proper best when government studys out of both the Lydgid public officials such as Councilmented Vince Gentile and his Moral Majority social police followers need a lap dance at any adult club to loosen up and get a life! Lury Penner, Great Neet

Rock steady

To the editor,
In her column last week ("Spirit's cruel, and usual, punishment," Dec. 2),
'Smartmom' had three main points that were all deavongs. sever had a

1. My band, Faisco, that time we were 12, we've booked all our own gigs, 100 percent.

2. The Times article didn't come to us through our parents.

3. Lucian's neighbors have, in fact, complained, and we have since worked out an agreement. Our parents have not an agreement. Our parents have not a proper that we with our band, and they never have.

"Smartmom" is constantly talking about how hard her own son works.
"Smartmom" is constantly talking about how hard her own son works.

about how hard her own son works.

Doesn't she realize that we work just as hard, if not harder? When she states that our parents are the sole reason for our success, she degrades our hard work.

Julian Bennett Holmes, Park Slope

The writer is drummer in the kids' rock band, "Fiasco"

Pooper party

To the editor.

In earnot understand dog owners.
They walk their dogs (sometimes three or four on one leash) pick up their mess three three of their one of their dogs (sometimes three th

overpowering.

They need to take it along with them and find their own pail to put it in.

God save Kings

To the editor,

I greatly despair at seeing the destruction of once-beautiful neighborhoods. In too many places, magnificent homes are being torn down, only to be replaced by ugly structures.

Thank goodness we live in a free country, where individuals are able to speak out when they feel there is something terribly wrong going on.

speak out when they feel there is some-ing terniby wrong going on. People come to Brooklyn thinking that freedom means the right to abuse their neighbors while doing whatever they want with their property. Since when does living in a free country neam. The hel with my neighbors! meam. The held with my neighbors! meam. The held with my neighbors! to diveway if I want!" Let's save our beautiful neighbor-hoods!

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Rhudi Elizabeth Eagle, Park Slope

Judging the 'park'

To the editor,
In spite of the recent ruling in the
Brooklyn Bridge Park case ("Park
backers lose waterfront lawsuit," Dec.
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Association. Its membership is secret. Does it have members or members spouses who are also on the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy or the local development corporation — or any other group that can reap direct financial advantage from this very tight connection?

other group that can reap direct mani-cial advantage from this very tight can be a seen of the can be a seen of the can Are these people just so accustomed having things to their way that what-ever they can pay for will be done? The current plan is not a park, it is a payoff to developers who will probably not be subject to the can be a seen of the can compromised electied that a real park is not just in the public's interest, but in their interest.

This sorry limbo that could have been a park will diago en and on because the laughable electieds who could make it work. AS A PARK are will unwilling a Concord Village-size project onto a locotzone should be illegal and our elected officials are outdoing each other in the prince. This is deguesting. Barbara Charton, Brooklyn Heights



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DUMBO Philosophers peddle satirical gifts for wonks & opera buffs

By Sasha Vasilyuk

ou live in woeful times," announces Presi-dent Lincoln from the cover of a new gift catalog. "You need funny things." And humorous products are, indeed, fea-ult themin.

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sales says David.

The most popular products are from their political line, says David, which includes their tins of mints, such as the aforementioned "Impeachmints" and "National Em-

Serious about humor: In the offices of the DUMBO-based Unemployed Philosophers Guild, entrepreneurs Stephan Shaw (left), showing off a Tickle-Me-Freud, and David Shaw, sporting a Freudian Silper, are making a living from their creative, ironic gift items. Their tins of can-dy, such as the "Impeachmints" (inset), are best-sellers.

— as well as the four-inch self-explanatory foam top, "Smush Bush."

Freud products are also very popular, especially in Europe, where 'there is more enthusiasm for Freud than commercial hostility toward Bush," observes David.

The Shaws discovered earlies that careful historical fig.

The Shaws discovered early that certain historical fig-ures attracted the biggest at-tention. Since their early handmade pins of Einstein, Freud and Shakespeare, they have expanded to an enormous array of puppets and beanie babies from Socrates in toga to Sherlock Holmes in tweed.

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"I'm not sure what we would do if we sold it," says David. "We'd probably create another company, because it is fun coming up with these ideas."

Harvey's 'Song'

Gallery Players carry a 'Torch' for Fierstein

well-known actor/comedian/musical director/radio personality, Seth Rudeskly, as Arnold, the semi-autobiographical character Fierstein originated. Set in the 1970, the show follows Arnold, a Set in the 1970, the show follows Arnold, a line approximately straight would find this place in a prodominantly straight would. "It's the most exciting time," Rudesksy told GO Brooklyn in a phone interview Tuesday. "I would line-rally do the show every day of my life if I could, I love it so much. It's so brilliantly written. I can't believe it didn't with the Philizer Prize. It's so thrilling to be able to do something. I think is so meaningful and yet so entertaining, It is so hit along and yet of the straining. It is so that one working, and yet it's so important for people to see."

For the irrepressible Rudestay, working with a See TORCH on page 10

Craft bonanza

Where can you find music, complimentary cock-tails and handmade gifts this time of year? If ye speciacular 'Holday Carthacular' held in Williams-burg on Sauntafy, Dec. 9, 181, you can combine a shopping marathon with that ever-elusive concept: flux Carthers are flying in from all over the country for this event, bringing their handmade hand-bags, knitwear, ornaments, jew-Unique, DIY-style items are in this season. So, if you are looking to please that certain someone who seems to have everything and need nothing, check-seems to have everything and need nothing, check-

looking to please that certain someone who seems to have everything and need nothing, check out Tiny Rat's Michael Jackson needlepoint (above), tattooed towels by Jemy Hart of Sublime Stitiching, or a funkly blouse (at left) by Fort Greene's own Yana Gorbulsky of Supayana, who was feed to the state of t

floor. Has anyone else come up with a better alternative to shooping at the mall? "BUST Magazine's 2006 Holiday Craftacular" is Dec. 9, from 11 am to 9 pm, at Warsaw, 261 Driggs Ave. at Eckford Street in Williamsburg. Tickets are \$1. For more information, call (718) 387-0505 or visit the Web site www.bust.com/craftacular. — Sasha Vasilyuk

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Ballet at Poly

Since 1980, members of the Vicky Simegiatos Dance Company have been sharing their love for particular to the public memory by offering performances to the public. This Dec. 22 and 23, they will perform "The Nutcracker" in Bay Ridge choroographed by Simegiatos and her daughter Maina and set to Tchaikovsky's music.

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Petite pleasures: Gribouille owner Timothee Spitzer serves up the pork loin entrée on Sunday. (Above left) Chef Anthony. Cottet's Petrossian salmon appetizer is topped with a sprinkling of capers, small cubes of tomatoes, a dab of whipped creme fraiche and a squeeze of lemon.

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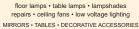
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Wave Festival.

An adaptation of Mozart's classic opera "Don Giovanni," "Don Juan in Prague" moves the lecherous and immortal rogue fashioned by the brilliant libretists Lorenzo dae Jone to the Czech city, which is liked to Mozart's music in many ways: the composer lived there for a time, composing and premiering several of his works there, including "Don Giovanni,"

Summerscape festival, an extension of its Bard Music Festival, which concentrates on one composer each year."

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erable experience holding a stage—he not only hosts the radio show "Seth's Broadway Chatterhox," but he also starred in the acclaimed one man-show, "Rhapsody in Seth'—he says playing Arnold in "Torch Song Tirlogoria ("Rhapsody in Seth'—show the says playing Arnold in "Torch Song Tirlogoria ("Rhapsody in Seth'—show the popular yabout him, and he winds up forming this beautiful to date because the play is so long.
"Rhapsody in Seth' was an hour and 20 minutes, and this is double that," he noted. "Two never, ever done anything like this, but [Nachamie] was were within the standard of memorize a play a week, so that was kind of memorize a play a week, so that was kind of memorize a play a week, so that the standard the most demanding thin," and the wind was kind of memorize a play a week, so that made all of the understanding the thing, thinking: "Oh my God! How an in the standard the standard

was in the 1970s when he wrote this, and it's still relevant today. It's so not dated. If anything, it's ahead of this time!"

So, what does Fierstein think of this new production of his work?

"He's sent supportive e-mails back and forth," director some other projects at the moment, but he will be coming to see the show at some point, we hear. He was very supportive of

stick to the truth of the play. That even though everybody kind of thinks of the character as him, that it is written about a guy who is a certain age. He is going through his late 20, early 30s, kind of finding his identity and defining his rela-tionships in the world." In a small theater where au-dience members sometimes feel comfortable, earoust to, fell comfortable, earoust to, fell

in a small theater where au-dience members sometimes feel comfortable enough to talk back to the stage, it's easy to see how an actor might be anxious about the playwright and origi-nator of his role coming to watch him perform. That said, Rudesky says he was thrilled to hear Fierstein intends to drop by for a performance. "It would be such an honor to have him see me do it, be-

cause I am so respectful of his work," Rudetsky said. "It would be amazing to have him there, but I would definitely be incredibly intimidated. I told everybody in the cast not to tell me, but, of course, I'm going to hear some crazy laugh, and I'll know that it's him." Remember

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see the show at some point, we hear. He was very supportive of the casting choice of Seth. "He gave us some words of wisdom before we started pro-duction, and he's been very supportive. [He told us] just to stick to the truth of the play.

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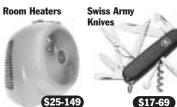
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By Barry Petchesky for The Brooklyn Papers One afternoon in Williamsburg re-cently, Gretchen Shukdinas walked over to a "No parking" signpost at Metropolitan Avenue and Roebling Street and did something amazing: she sat down on it. By Barry Petchesky
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One afternoon in Williamsburg recently, Gretchen Shukdinas walked over to a "No parking" signpost at Metropolitan Avenue and Roebling Street and did something amazing-she sat down on it.

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ing one as a trampoline.

"I can't believe the city allows something this near," said Marcia McAtee of Greenpoint as she attempted to balance in pointe atop a seat." Usually, they'en to fins at all."

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But, off the record, one of Mona's colleagues took a lighter view.
"If no one complains, we're proba-bly not going to take action," the other cop said.
Woolard says her "project" explores

Wooland says her "project" explored "explored her lealinoships between at and functionality and between people and public space. They've also become magnets for graffiti — which Woolard doesn't mind.

"I used the city as my canwas," she said. "The [graffitt wirlers are] just doing the same thing."

While Woolard's ristallation may have lofly ambitions and academic credibility, passenby generally see a comfortably seat where there was none before.

The seats are unobtrusive; they are sized for one person, and take up less space than bicycles. Woolard is still hesitant to publicize her work, "although, if they arrest me, maybe it would start a debate on public seating."

"I don't think she has to worry," said

police officer Rodney Larges. "I just used it to tie my shoe."



Williamsburg resident Fred Chao tries out one of the benches attached to a "No Parking" sign pole.

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he like it?

The questions came fast and furious. The curiosity was sinstance of the control of



By Louise Crawford

"That was the first time my son ever slept away at John Jay, Smartmom shed tears when the class sang "325,600 Minutes," the song from "Rent". She cried for this milestone in her son's life, but also for the friends she'd made also for the friends she'd made added,

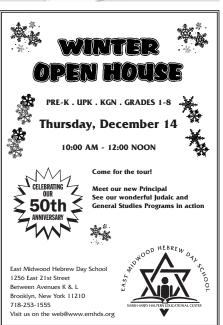
added.
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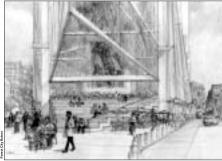


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State: Gusts will sweep through Gehry's sitting area

The Brooklyn Papers

Architect Frank Gehry has said the "front stoop" at the foot of his "Miss Brooklyn" tower will be a great place to hang out and read the paper or eat a sandwich at an outdoor bitmer toble. The Brooklyn Papers

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tained by blogger Norman Oder, found few other wind concerns, wind speets at the Brooklyn Bears Community Garden — which is across the street from where the 620-foot "Miss Brooklyn" (sower is slated to be built — would "increase by approximately 14 percent".

"This increase is not controlled the order of salet, though the parlied would not be suitable for sitting, walking and general gardening activities 14

suitable for sitting, walking and general gardening activities 14 percent of the time. An ESDC spokeswoman said stoop winds would be "accent-



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BIG SIGNS...

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"They have exempted themselves from the law [so] there will be no real way to ensure that they will not max out the [lights]," he said.

Roberta Lane of the National Trust echoed Fry's sentiment.

"Brooklyn's brownstones are a national treasure and preserv-ing them should be a national concern," she said. Neither Ratner nor the Empire State Development Corporation would return calls for comment on the preservation groups'

charges.

But the state's final environmental impact statement claims that the "signage scheme" will focus "lighting and signage at the intersection of Flatbush and Atlantic Avenues and away from residential neighborhoods."

The lighting "is not a significant adverse impact," the report concluded.

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Try was unconvinced.

"A 'Blade Runner' dystopia is emerging ... where every blank wall is convered with light-emitting diodes and the public has no choice," he said. "The project demonstrates a total disregard for the wishes of the people of Brooklyn and for the fundamental character of the community."

MILLMAN...

Continued from page 1 her group receives is monitored closely.

"We're accountable," she said, "We have to submit bills. That money is strictly used for what it was given for."

"Sandi Frankin of the Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment donated \$200 to a Millman campaign. Her group got a form of the property of the Urban Environment donated \$200 to a Millman campaign. Her group got a form of the property of the Urban Environment donated \$200 to a Millman campaign. Her group got a form of the Urban Environment o

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**Pauline Blake and Lydia Denovnoth of the Park Slope Civic Council each gave Millman \$225. In total, the group got \$3,500.

"Joan was giving to the Civic Council before Leame on the seene," said Denoverth. "If there's any connection, it's this. Joan is such a great supporter of these groups that people like me donate to her campaigns because we want to keep her in office as the council of the council to the council of the council to the council to the council of the council of the council of the council to the council of the

• Linda Blyer of Family Fries's parenting workshop, has donated \$13 to to various Milliama campaigns. This year, her group got a \$3,000 grant.
• Brooklyn Arts Council President Ella Weiss and her husband Michael have given \$900 to Milliama in various campaigns. This year, the arts council per side of the process of the principle of the form of the third with the process of the grant, but and the recipients of her groved grant in the domains represent fraction of her overall grant illustrations. "As the following fraction of her overall grant illustrations." she told The Brooklyn Papers. "These are all worthwhile organizations. I wish Loudi give more."
Golden also sent a \$2,500 grant to underwrite some renovations at the \$8. Nicholas Home. The center's director, Aida Nicolau, gaw Coldent \$150 three years ago.
Golden was unapologetic.
"Senator Colden supports the efforts of HeartShare Human Services, the \$1. Nicholas Home. ..., and organizations (latul are Collen (Deconey) saids is spokenamen holm Quagleon.
Guarriello also gawe \$150 to retiring Assemblywoman Adele Cohen (Deconey) Island jin 2004. This year, she sent \$2,000 to the Fort Hamilton Citizen's Action Committee, which he heads.
And Reginal Berenchien, why to must he New Way Circus Center, gave Cohen \$1,109 in campaign donations. This year, Cohen group got a \$5,000 grant from Cohen was "disposing".
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She added that the amount of contributions she got was minor. "No one is going to buy me for \$200 a year," she said.

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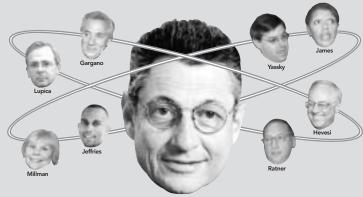
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Mike Lupica, Daily News columnist

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wrote in his column on Sunday. "This

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"His statements are very naive and unin-telligent," Gargano said about Silver's opposition to Moynihan station. "His lack of knowledge of the project was just

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APROACH: Behind-the-scenes
Forest City Rather would not return a call for comment, but the company is lobbying members of the PACB, sources said.

Out of orbit

City Councilmembers David Yassky and Letitia James WANT: Delay APPROACH: Sent letter to PACB

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State is studying **BQE** shelf repairs

But work start is still six years away

By Ariella Cohen

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That tightway Administration.

That project's lamdscape architect, Michael Van Cone hundred and twenty-three thousand webi-cles rumble across daily, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

For more than a decade, residents and local officials have complained that the structure is in danger of collapse.

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By Dana Rubinstein
The Brooklyn Pagears

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Bill seeks to crack down on counterfeiters

By Ariella Cohen and Claire McTaggart
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of illegally copied movies and music recordings — the most visible players in the city's \$23-billion-a-year trade in counter-feit goods.

The legislation would raise fines on such vendors and, in

fines on such vendors and, in some cases, raise the crime to felony status. It would also empower the Department of Consumer Affairs to bust rogue dealers, giving them the search-and-seize power that now only cops hold.

The firms will range from The firms of the consumer of the consum

Barron's racial radar screen. At a hearing last week, the former Black Panther was the first to speak against the legislation. "We need to look at creating jobs in our communities, not

ms sold by vendors along Court Street (left) and Fulton Mall (right), where cheap goods are in high demand — and under attack by Councilman David Yassky.



Should vendors be removed?

We hit the vendor-clogged streets of Downtown Brooklyn to see what shoppers and sellers thought about a bill being pushed by City Councilman David Yassky's that would crack down on vendors of counterfeit goods: — Claire McTaggart





Martha Velez, shopper "I think the bill is good be-cause the law is the law, and if they are selling knock-offs they should be fined."



Gladys Roldan, shopper Caroline Phillips, shopper "I love street vendors because it's easier, there is never a line, and you get everything at half-

arguing that the bill unfairly tar-geted people of color.

"[Yassky] is clueless to what the real needs are in the parts of the city where unemployment and poverty are rampant," he added after the hearing.

"He doesn't mingle. He doesn't feel our pain. He isn't in touch with what people do to survive."

Y Yasaky disagreed, defending IV Yasaky disagreed, defending IV Yasaky Disagreed, been glim industry jobs in New York and defect an underground economy of illegal goods that cost the city \$2.5-billion in tax revenue in 2003, according to the compropoler's office. The sale of victimeless of of victimele

dors.
"I am still weighing the is-sue," said Councilwoman Leti-tia James (D-Prospect Heights), who is black.
"Obviously, counterfeiting is a problem that must be solved.

I am not sure if increasing crim-inal penalties will do that."

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